

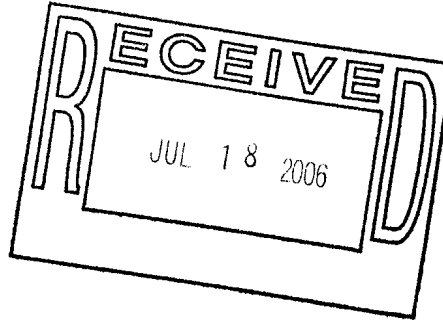


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In re Application of
Haberman et al.
Application No. 09/002,187
Filed: December 31, 1997
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ESTABLISHING A VIRTUAL CIRCUIT
IN AN ATM NETWORK

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Due Date

9/17/2006

This is a decision on the Petition to Withdraw Wrongful Holding of Abandonment and in response to the several Status Inquiries filed in this application. The petition is properly treated under 37 CFR § 1.181. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The Petition is dismissed.

Any further petition to revive the above-identified application must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed December 18, 2000. The Notice set a non-extendable three (3) month period for reply. No response having been received, the application became abandoned on March 19, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 25, 2001.

The application file was subsequently lost, and was identified as lost on October 1, 2003.

On October 5, 2005, this Office received the instant petition. The petition provides that Applicant reviewed the file history for this application on October 4, 2005, and discovered an entry of "Mail Reconstruction Notice" entered December 9, 2004. Applicant filed the instant petition wherein Applicant avers non-receipt of the Notice. In addition to copies of applicant's file jacket and

docket records, Applicant provides a copy of the application file history and what is putatively a copy of the application papers.

Analysis and conclusion

Applicant is advised that the application became abandoned, as indicated in the copy of the file history provided by applicant, for failure to reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, and Notice of Allowability, mailed December 18, 2000.

Applicant has failed to demonstrate non-receipt of the Notices, and failed to demonstrate that a timely reply to the Notices was filed.

Applicant should file a Request for Reconsideration of Petition and include the necessary statements and copies of documents.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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